

Stockdale.

On Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., the residents of Stockdale and the surrounding district assembled to witness the unveiling of the Stockdale Honor Roll. The honor board is made of mountain ash by Gundy and Co., of Melbourne, and contains nine names. The proceedings opened by the singing of the National Anthem. Mr Bolton, the chairman, then briefly referred to the object of the gathering, mentioning the creditable number of enlistments for the small district. He then introduced Councillor Murphy, who performed the ceremony of unveiling, immediately after which the company joined in singing "God Bless Our Splendid Men."

Councillor Murphy, after apologising for the absence of Councillor Morrison, expressed his pleasure at knowing that not one of the men whose names appeared on the honor roll had been killed; usually one was saddened by seeing on honor rolls the letter K after so many names. He spoke of the wonderful devotion of the women of Australia, who proudly gave their men folk to their country. Speaking of the progress of the war he said that we did not realise sufficiently the danger of the situation. He believed that if we had been told the whole truth, not merely what we wanted to know, we would be now farther forward--the Englishman never fights so well as with his back to the wall. He ended by making an appeal to all to help in winning the war, pointing out that those who could not fight could invest money in the War Loan.

The Venerable Archdeacon Pelletier then described in a very interesting manner his experiences of England at war. He thanked God that he had been given an opportunity of seeing how England answered to the call, and described the wonderful organisation of the whole country and the sacrifices made by everyone. He had heard Mr Lloyd George speak in the House of Commons, and thought him not surpassed by the greatest statesmen in history. The Archdeacon urged all who could to enlist. He was not urging others to do what he would not do himself, as he had offered, but had been rejected.

Mr Rayneut apologised for the absence of Councillor Kelly and Mr Hickey, who had been unavoidably prevented from attending. He was proud, as an Englishman, of the deeds done by our boys. Archdeacon Pelletier had mentioned Reading, his native town; Mr Rayneut spoke of the feats of the men of Reading. He mentioned that on Saturday night in

He mentioned that on Saturday night in Briagolong illuminated addresses were to be presented to the district returned soldiers, two of whom, Private Cyril Bolton and Pat. Mahoney, were Stockdale men.

Mr Penglaue said a few words, expressing his pleasure, as one of the oldest residents of the district, at being present to do honor to the boys.

The company then joined in singing "The Marseillaise." After votes of thanks to the chairman and speakers, Councillor Murphy called for cheers for the soldiers and their parents. The proceedings then closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Afterwards, supper, kindly provided by the ladies, was handed round, after which a cake given by Mrs Wright was raffled, for the Patriotic Fund, realising £2 2/. It was won by Mr Sutton, of Briagolong, who returned it to be raffled again. Some of the young people remained and enjoyed themselves dancing to music provided by Mr Riley. The school had been tastefully decorated with red, white and blue by some of the local ladies.

The school committee have been running monthly euchre parties and dances, which have raised a considerable sum for the Patriotic Fund. The next takes place on October 27.